

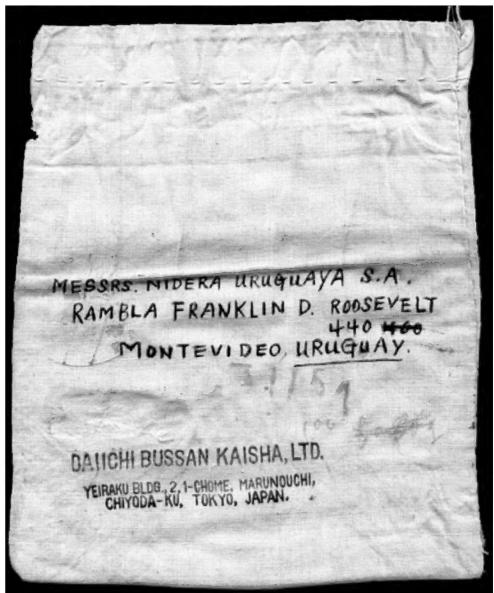
Perfins as Postal History

It's In The Bag!

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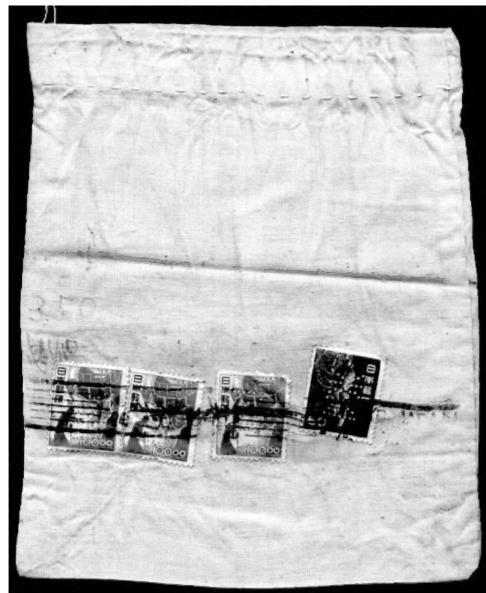
In my quest for uses of perfins on cover, the example shown (front and back illustrated) is one of the more unusual I have come across. It is a cloth bag 130mm wide by 155mm in height. The bag has a drawstring that appears to be the

only way its contents were secured. The date of posting is unreadable but the 50y brown stamp was not issued until 1952, and as the 100y stamps were also reissued in 1952 without the extra zeros this probably dates from 1952 - 53.



The "DBK" perfins of Daiichi Bussan Kaisha, Ltd. are in all the stamps. As the stamps have what appears to be a roller cancel, used for bulk mail, this would appear to have been one of a number of similar advertising parcels, though it is the only one I have seen.

The Daiichi Trading Company is a leader of the Mitsui group, acting primarily as an agent for other companies in the group, and coordinates the domestic and overseas activities of affiliated companies. Nidera Uruguaya, S.A. is a major



exporter of grains from Uruguay. It is also a wholesale distributor of imported food products - raw, semi-finished, and finished.

There is no remaining material in the bag to determine what the product sample was. The fact that a cloth bag apparently closed only using its own drawstring and was considered sufficiently secure enough to mail a sample of something from Japan across the Pacific Ocean to Uruguay in South America is most unusual!